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No. 527.

THE SIOUX TRIBE OF INDIANS, *Petitioner,*

v.

THE UNITED STATES.

**MEMORANDUM IN REPLY TO BRIEF FOR THE
UNITED STATES.**

The reference on page 5 of the brief for the United States to page 134 of the record points up our complaint of the treatment we have received at the hands of the Court of Claims.

In No. 526, in order to justify charging the Indians with more than they were credited with, under a statute which authorized the offset of gratuities, the Court of Claims held:

“These deficits represent gratuitous expenditures from public funds for the benefit of the bands of plaintiff tribe * * *” [No. 526, R. p. 99].

But after the amendment of 1946 restricted the offset of gratuitous expenditures, the Court of Claims, on remand, says:

"The sums set up and claimed in the supplemental petition were not monies given to or expended from public funds gratuitously for benefit of plaintiff * * *"
[No. 527, R. p. 134].

The sums mentioned in the second quotation are part of the deficits mentioned in the first.

To us this seems "fast and loose" rather than "fair and honorable".

Respectfully submitted,

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